

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 21, 2010 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. In response to the Amendment received on April 21, 2010, the examiner has carefully considered the amendments.

Priority

3. Receipt is acknowledged of certified English-language translation of the priority document JP2002-329533 filed January 20, 2010. Said papers have been placed of record in the file.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks/Translation of Priority Document JP2002-329533, filed January 20, 2010 and April 21, 2010, with respect to claims 1-3, and 5-18 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagi et al (US6,956,073) has been withdrawn. Applicant's have perfected the priority date of November 13, 2002 with the filing of the English-language translation of JP 2002-329533. Therefore the cited reference to Takagi et al (effective filing date November 21, 2002) is not prior art. The prior art fails to set forth a thermoplastic resin composition comprising (A) 40 to 98 mass% of a thermoplastic resin that is a polycarbonate or a blended polycarbonate resin with another thermoplastic resin and (B) 60 to 2 mass% of coated titanium oxide particles that are coated with a hydrous oxide and/or an oxide of at least one

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metal selected from the group consisting of aluminum, silicon, zirconium, tin, cerium, titanium and zinc, wherein said coated titanium oxide particles contains 80 to less than 97 mass% of titanium oxide and contains alkali metal cations that can be extracted to water and alkaline-earth metal cations that can be extracted to water in a total amount of 120 mass ppm or lower. Nor does the prior art set forth coated titanium oxide particles comprising a titanium oxide whose surface is coated with a hydrous oxide and/or an oxide of at least one metal selected from the group consisting of aluminum, silicon, zirconium, tin, cerium, titanium and zinc, wherein said coated titanium oxide particles contains 80 to less than 97 mass% of titanium oxide and contains alkali metal cations that can be extracted to water and alkaline-earth metal cations that can be extracted to water in a total amount of 120 mass ppm or lower.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-3 and 5-18 are allowed.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanza L. McClendon whose telephone number is (571) 272-1074. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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